TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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(*OFFICIAL REPORT.*)

Monday, the 16th Karkatakam 1102/1st August 1927.

The Council met in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at eleven thirty of the clock, M. E. Watts Esquire, B. A., Barrister-at-Law, Dewan, presiding. All the members except Messrs. K. C. Mammen Mappilai and N. V. Joseph were present.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Improvement of the Arattupuzha-Todiyur Irrigation Chamel.

18. **MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : (*a*) Are the Government aware that the owners of paddy fields in Bharanikavu, Nuranad and Vallikkunnam *pakuthies* in the Mavelikara taluk and of Krishnapuram, Tazhava and Todiyur *pakuthies* in the Karunagapalli taluk suffer great losses owing to failure of crops for want of a proper irrigation and drainage channel leading from Arattupuzha landing place on the Mavelikara river to the Todiyur lake in the Karunagapalli taluk ?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to widen, clear and deepen the silted up water channel which now exists between Arattupuzha and Todiyur ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Government have no information.

(*b*) The matter is under investigation by the Chief Engineer and necessary action will be taken on receipt of his report.

Pullikkanakku-Krishnapuram Road.

19. **MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state what action has been taken on the recent petitions by the people of Putuppalli, Krishnapuram, Bharanikavu and Vallikkunnam *pakuthies* in Karunagapalli and Mavelikara taluks for extending the Pullikkanakku-Krishnapuram road westwards to the shore of the Kayankulam backwater in Putuppalli *pakuthi* ?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to treat the work as an emergent one and accomplish it as soon as convenient ?

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MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) The Chief Engineer has reported that the Public Works Department is opening another parallel road from Oachira to Alumpeedika within about a mile of the line in question and that there is already a path in existence for people to go to Putuppalli and other places. The Chief Engineer does not therefore consider the work either urgent or even necessary. The Government do not therefore propose to take any further action in the matter.

Particulars re Graduates entertained in the Registration Department.

20. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to furnish information under the following heads in regard to the graduates entertained in the Registration Department from the 26th Chingam 1101, up to the 8th Mithunam 1102:—

(*a*) their names;
(*b*) the dates of their appointment and starting pay; and
(*c*) their present pay and position in the Department?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): A statement* furnishing the particulars required by the member is laid on the table.

Encroachment by Mr. T. V. Krishna Aiyar on the Fresh Water Channel.

21. **MR. S. SUBRAHMANYA KARAYALAR** (*Pattanapuram cum Shencotta*): (1) With reference to the answer to part (*d*) of question No. 187 (*vide* pages 597 to 599 of Vol. VIII of the Council Proceedings), *viz.*, "Mr. T. V. Krishna Aiyar has encroached upon the fresh water channel and made it part of his *allom*", will the Government be pleased to state whether they have taken any steps to remove the encroachment, and, if not, will they be pleased to order the immediate removal of the encroachment?

(2) Is it a fact that the Excise Commissioner gave orders, from time to time, to Inspectors in charge of Mr. Krishna Aiyar's *allom* to remove the encroachment, and, if so, why were those orders not executed?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (1) It is not stated in the answer referred to by the member that "Mr. Krishna Aiyar has encroached upon the bed of the old fresh water channel and made it part of his *allom*". Mr. Krishna Aiyar was permitted to include the channel within his factory. The question does not therefore arise.

(2) No such orders were issued by the Excise Commissioner.

Working Expenses of the Government Press.

22. **MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Will the Government be pleased to state the amount of profit or loss at which the Government Press has been working during each of the last five years (1097-1101)?

**Vide* Appendix I—pages 57 and 58.

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